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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 September 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see the Remarks, filed 9/10/2007, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-2, 4-16 under 35 USC 102 (e) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Koponen et al. and Safadi.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claim 12 is seemingly an apparatus, i.e. system, however, the claimed system is effectively seeking patent protection for the software program product. Software program is neither computer components nor statutory processes. Thus, claim 12 is non-statutory.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-8, 11, 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koponen et al. (US 2002/0085511 A1) in view of Safadi (U.S. Patent No. 5,696,765).

Regarding claims 1, 7-8, 11, 14-15, Koponen et al. teaches a method for supporting a data exchange between terminal equipment and a mobile communication network via a mobile terminal, said terminal equipment and said mobile terminal being separate entities, said method comprising: receiving from said terminal equipment a request to establish a connection to said mobile communication network for exchanging data (see paragraphs 0051-0052); forwarding said request to said mobile communication network (see paragraph 0053); and in case a failure occurs concerning said requested connection and an indication of said failure is received from said mobile communication network, forwarding said indication to said terminal equipment (see paragraph 0053). Koponen et al. does not specifically teach an indication of the reason for the failure is received from the mobile communication network. However, the preceding limitation is taught in Safadi (see col. 18, lines 51-63). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the teaching of Safadi to the teaching of Koponen et al. to let the user know why the connection request fails.

Regarding claim 2, Koponen et al. teaches the method according to claim 1, wherein said failure is a failure resulting in a rejection of said request to said mobile communication network to establish a connection, said indication being an indication of a cause of said rejection (see paragraph 0044).

Regarding claims 4 and 9, Koponen et al. teaches the method according to claim 1, further comprising at said terminal equipment receiving said indication of a cause of a failure from said mobile terminal and presenting a corresponding information to a user of said terminal equipment (see paragraph 0044).

Regarding claims 5, 10, and 16, Koponen et al. teaches the claimed invention except the step of storing the indication for further use. The examiner takes official notice that saving/storing information in mobile equipment for later use has been well known in the art. Thus it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to store the indication for further use as is well known in the art.

5. Claims 6 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koponen et al. in view of Safadi and in further view of Chou (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,526).

Regarding claim 6, the combination of Koponen et al. and Safadi teaches the claimed invention except the use of the data field of a link control packet. However, the preceding limitation is taught in Chou (see column 7, lines 11-15). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the teaching of Chou to the teaching of Koponen et al. and Safadi to save and to use resources efficiently.

Claim 13 is the combination of claims 1 and 6. Thus, claim 13 is rejected with the same reason set forth in claims 1 and 6.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huy D. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-7845. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph H. Feild can be reached on 571-272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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